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Venite Adoremus Dominum

By The Rev. Herbert Boyce Satcher

Unquestionably one of the most appropriate of all Christmas texts is the Latin sentence quoted as the title of this article. Translated into English and slightly paraphrased it becomes "O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord," the refrain of one of the most familiar and best loved of Christmas hymns, *Adeste Fideles*.

When Canon Frederick Oakeley, Vicar of the Margaret Street Chapel, London, translated the hymn for his little congregation in 1841, in order to make the thought more definite as well as to preserve the metre of the original, he paraphrased the refrain as we all know it.

The hymn, *Adeste Fideles*, is of unknown authorship and date. It has been ascribed to the 13th century Franciscan, St. Bonaventura, but is found in no known work of his. In fact the earliest manuscript containing the hymn, and the tune always associated with it, is dated 1751, and is preserved at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, England. This volume, entitled *Cantus Diversi*, was compiled by a musician named John Francis Wade, at that time engaged in supplying music to Roman Catholic families and institutions. The earliest known printing of it is in a little book published in London in 1782 under Roman Catholic auspices. The little book, now rare, is entitled "An Essay on the Church Plain Chant," and is thought to have been edited by Samuel Webbe, Jr. It is a recognized source book for a number of current hymn tunes. There is a copy of it in the library of the present writer. Thus while it will be seen that this hymn and tune are of definitely Roman Catholic origin and use, in the course of the past century it has be-

come a universal favorite. And well may this be so, for its refrain furnishes us with a perfect Christmas text.

Venite Adoremus Dominum! These words set trains of thought into motion that are vast in proportion and limitless in extent. One star-lit night long ago, over the Judean hills, there echoed the chiming of a music that has not ever ceased. Down the long flight of the years minstrels have kept alive, and have re-created anew for each new generation, the antiphon of angels and shepherds. Still an awe-struck world kneels in adoration, though it has yet to realize the full import of that song of the angels, and though it draws near the manger with motives not so simple or unmixed as those which attended the questing of the shepherds.

Legend and immemorial custom have joined in twining chaplets of beauty about the manger-cradle of the infant King. Certainly those of us who are self-confessed followers of Him love to join at this time every year in the glad refrain, *Venite Adoremus Dominum*. The Christ-Child is the gift of God to a world which sorely needs Him and what He represents—peace and goodwill. That is really the reason for our presenting gifts to each other on His Birthday. For first of all we honour Him, and then we try to communicate what there is of Him in each of us to those who receive our gifts. The rarest flowers of human genius, the choicest treasures of the animal and vegetable and mineral kingdoms, have been offered in thankful devotion to celebrate the Blessed Birthday. All have sung their *Adoremus*.

A prophet of old once said that the pine tree, the fir, and the box together should beautify the place of His sanctuary. When the religion of the Christ-Child spread over northern Europe, the old prophet's words took wings, and the living verdure of evergreen forests came every year at Christmas time to brighten the grey splendour of those stately forests of stone that were the Gothic Cathedrals and Churches. The old gods were dead; Odin and Thor and Freia had vanished in the twilight of the dark ages. In their stead reigned the Babe of Bethlehem, around whose altars now they banked the holly, the mistletoe, the pine, and the laurel. So from the forests of the Gothic north there rang an *Adoremus*.

From the softer climes to the southward other arts of men were employed, chiefly painting and music, as birthday offerings to the King. There came a time when one mighty *Adoremus* spread from the sun-scorched Iberian uplands, and rolled with increasing intensity over the southern plains and middle mountain barriers, skirting the fog-drenched western islands, until it thundered itself out in the icy waters of the northern sea, or became lost on the snowy steppes of distant Muscovy. Everywhere at the winter solstice men sang *Venite Adoremus Dominum*.

Today, reaching across the centuries, and stretching beyond the borders of worlds to other spheres of being, again we join with angels and men in that glad song that has not ever ceased—"O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

So This Is Christmas

By The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, S.T.D., Suffragan Bishop

Let us suppose that Mars is inhabited by men and women who are capable of arriving at sane and sober judgments. Then let us imagine that one of the Martians was hurled through space and landed on Mother Earth, still in his right senses and with no bones broken. He is now ready to walk, or ride, or fly to and fro among us and find out what he can. He lands about a week before Christmas and agrees to remain and enjoy the holidays. Being a rather extraordinary visitor, we will provide him with an airplane. Now let him go from one great city in our country to another. He will find millions of people hurrying about doing their Christmas shopping. He will be confronted with signs and advertisements something like this: "Now is the time to buy your Christmas candy." "Come in and see our new Laundryette; just the thing to make Mother happy for Christmas." "Here is a new brand of cigars; this is the kind that Father would buy for Christmas if he had his choice." Our friend from Mars will undoubtedly have some knowledge of the origin of the Day. He will have heard of the birth of One who came to found a spiritual kingdom. Perhaps he will be led to remark, "So this is Christmas."

What strange contrasts our friendly visitor would draw between the manger in Bethlehem and the luxury and feasting with which we celebrate the Nativity of Christ. We have adopted a strange method in modern life. We have changed our holy days into holidays, and the glory song of the angels into shouts and laughter at a feast where there is much eating and drinking while the Child Jesus faces the bleak wintry night with His cold and hungry children all over the world.

How can we recapture the spirit of Christmas? We cannot do it without a faithful attendance upon our Church and a glad listening to its message. We shall not permit the ways of commerce to rob Christ's Birthday of its religious significance.



Some years ago a magazine called the *Pictorial Review* made an effort to organize "The Sensible Christmas League." We do not know what has become of the league, but it had a really fine idea. No fees were to be charged, and the members simply took the following pledge: "I will be brave enough to give only where love and sympathy and helpfulness make giving worth while. I will not turn Christmas Day into a day of barter and exchange. I will make those whom I love and who love me happy, and bring joy as far as I am able to those who otherwise would have no joy—to the poor, the lonely, the ill, the old, the friendless, and the helpless."

Advent is here, and Christmas will soon be ushered in. May we urge all of our good Church people, not only to join the Sensible Christmas League, but also to make this pledge: "I promise to draw near and worship the Christ Child on His Day in His Church, and to try and become more child-like myself, to gain more peace and good will, and thus learn how to recapture the holy joy which the angels of God and the shepherds and the wise men had on that first Christmas morning."

OUR CHRISTMAS COVER

The Nativity scene on our cover this month was designed and made for the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, by Mr. James G. Ludwig, Church School Superintendent, and photographed by Dr. H. A. Rothrock.

ALTERATIONS PLANNED AT SPRINGFIELD

Alterations to the interior of the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, have been planned which will increase the seating capacity in the nave, enlarge the capacity of the choir, provide a chapel for early services, improve the entrance arrangements. The cost will be about \$8,700. It is expected that the work will be undertaken very soon and completed this winter.

AMPLIFIED VESPER SERVICES

At 6 P. M. from Tuesday to Saturday the tower amplification system at Christ Church, Media, is used to broadcast vesper services, consisting of organ prelude, a brief scripture reading, an occasional comment, and the evening hymn played by carillon bell transcription. Residents of the community have been asked to observe a moment of silent prayer by way of sharing in the devotions.

PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL

The School opened the fall term with a total enrollment of fifty-five. The enrollment of undergraduates is limited to fifty, in the interest of close personal relation between faculty and students.

St. Mary's House has been opened for the Department of Women with Miss Maude Cutler as Director. The degree of Master of Religious Education will be given to college graduates who complete a two-year course at The Divinity School and the University of Pennsylvania.

On October 27 a "Visitors' Day" program was arranged with tea, an exhibition of Cathedral films, sacred music in the chapel, book reviews, and Evening Prayer. A host of friends responded to the invitation.

The School has secured Canon C. E. Hudson of St. Albans, to come from England to deliver a series of lectures on "The Christian Doctrine of Man." He will be here from January 20 to April 12. During this period the Philadelphia School has arranged for Canon Hudson to lecture at Berkley, Cambridge, College of Preachers, General Seminary. He will also be available, by arrangement with Dean Gifford, for a limited number of preaching engagements. So far he is scheduled to preach at the Church of the Holy Trinity on January 25, and St. John's Church, Norristown, February 29.

LAYMEN WORK IN PRISON

Under the guidance of the Rev. Alfred M. Smith, City Mission Chaplain at the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has recently been reorganized and is doing a fine work. This Chapter reaches men of various demoninations and some who previously have not been affiliated with any form of religion. Many of these men feel that only salvation in Christ with its hopes and faith in God can strengthen them in their struggles, even as it does for every man. Some of the meetings are given over to discussion so that the problems of the men may be understood and helped. The Director of the Chapter is Mr. Edward B. Irving; Secretary, Mr. Harry Johnson.

ORDINATION

On Saturday, October 25, Bishop Hart advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Charles Edgar Greene, at Trinity Church, Ambler, where he will serve as priest-in-charge. The candidate was presented by the Rev. S. Tagart Steele and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad.

CATTLE BREEDERS VISIT CHURCH FARM SCHOOL

The Suburban Cattle Breeders Association held their first fall meeting at the Church Farm School, Glen Loch. A tour of the grounds and buildings was conducted by Mr. Tom Pollock, manager of the school dairy, consisting of seventy-five head of outstanding animals. Mr. Charles Shreiner, Jr., son of the headmaster, traced the development of the school since its founding, enumerating the various recent improvements. Mr. Charles Bashore, assistant headmaster, described the farming methods used at the school and explained the purposes, entrance qualifications, and costs of operating the school.



Bishop Hart's Message



In my Christmas Message to the Diocese, I want to thank you for your response to my appeal last year for the Christmas Fund. I want to make it clear at the outset that no parish or mission is required to give to this Fund. Last year, twenty-seven parishes and missions contributed \$3,595.94. In addition to this, All Saints, Moyamensing and others interested contributed \$390.00 in memory of the Rev. John E. Hill. I realize that many parishes and missions count on their Christmas offering as part of their annual budget. It has been suggested to me that where this is the case the vestry might be willing to give 10% or some other percentage of the Christmas offering for the Christmas Fund.

At the present time, the Christmas Fund is helping three retired clergy of the diocese, one Deaconess and thirteen widows of clergy. In addition to this, we are able, through the Jefferies Fund, to supplement the pensions of eleven clergy within the diocese and four clergy outside of the diocese. As one who has the privilege of seeing the correspondence in reference to these grants, I can assure you that they are all greatly needed.

The Christmas Fund is administered by an able Board of Trustees consisting of Mr. Allen D. Cornell, Treasurer, Mr. Frederick R. Drayton, Secretary, Mr. Rowland Evans, Mr. Frank H. Moss and Mr. Fitz

Eugene Newbold. The members of the Board will be glad to answer any questions about the Christmas Fund. Donations to this Fund should be sent direct to the Church House and clearly marked "for the Christmas Fund."

As we come to the end of 1947, it is a good time to check up and see if your parish is gaining in vitality and strength. In one Mission, where the vicar temporarily has to spend a great deal of his time on outside work, the members of the vestry have assumed a larger share of the parish work. If you think that your minister is not doing enough pastoral visiting, you can help in two ways. Find out from him if you can relieve him of anything that he is now doing which will give him more time for visiting. Also ask him if you can assist him in calling on new people or checking up on absentees. Often a very good Church School teacher works during the week and hasn't the time to look up absentees. You might become his or her assistant, with the special assignment of following up all absentees.

The Presiding Bishop is asking every Parish and Mission to have a thorough Every Member Visitation during the pre-Lent season, with the goal of a Corporate Communion of the entire congregation on Sunday, February 15. The program is most flexible and should be carefully thought out by each parish. A plan that would work well in one parish will not be suitable for every parish. I can visualize the situation in one parish to call for a house to house visitation of a new area. In another it may mean calling on members who have moved to another section of the diocese and finding out where those persons want to continue their active church life. Each parish should decide immediately what plan it proposes to use so that the detailed preparation may be undertaken early in January.

May this be a Blessed Christmas for you all.

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver Hart

Bishop Hart's Fifth Anniversary

October 16 was the fifth anniversary of Bishop Hart's consecration. The day was observed with a service of Holy Communion at the Church of the Advocate, followed by a clergy conference in the chapel, after which Bishop Hart was host to the clergy at a luncheon in the parish house. The day was brought to a pleasant close in the evening, when the Church Club tendered a dinner to Bishop and Mrs. Hart at the Hotel Sylvania.



Memorial Church of the Advocate

Bishop Hart, as celebrant, was assisted by Bishop Remington, Rev. Franklin Joiner, President of the Standing Committee; Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary to the Bishop; the two clergymen who were the Attending Presbyters at the time of the Consecration: the Rev. S. Taggart Steele and the Rev. Frank Williamson, Jr.; together with the rector of the parish, the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather. A choir composed of some of the clergy led the singing. Portions of the service were recorded and released later in connection with the daily news broadcast of television station WFIL.

In the fifty years since it was built, the Church of the Advocate has been the scene of the consecration of four bishops who have served this diocese: Bishop Rhineland, Bishop Garland, Bishop Taitt, and Bishop Hart.

In his conference with the clergy, Bishop Hart thanked them for their friendship and asked that they pray for each other and avoid criticism of others whose practices may differ

from their own. Although the Diocese of Pennsylvania is not extensive, geographically, the Bishop travels great distances, ecclesiastically, in a day. He pleaded that every service, whether it be simple

or elaborate, be made God-centered by thorough and prayerful preparation. At the luncheon Bishop Remington presented to Bishop Hart an anniversary gift of money from the clergy.

Mr. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese, was the principal speaker at the Church Club dinner in the evening. He said that the five years of Bishop Hart's Episcopate had been the most eventful five-year period in the history of civilization since the days of Christ. America cannot meet its new responsibility for the material help and moral leadership of the world without the help and guidance of the Church. The Diocese of Pennsylvania is most fortunate in the leadership which it enjoys in Bishop Hart, who must be "something of a

man" to be and do the things demanded of the Bishop of this diocese.

Mr. E. Lober Stokes, president of the Church Club, presided at the dinner, read a telegram of congratulation from the President of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, and on behalf of the lay people of



Bishop Hart Celebrates at Altar

Inquirer Photo.

the Diocese presented to Bishop Hart a sum of money to help defray his expenses in attending the Lambeth Conference in June, 1948.

Bishop Hart, in expressing his gratitude, said that it had been a happy and joyful five years, and that he had been able to carry the load with the help of Mrs. Hart. He commended the fellowship that exists in the diocese, and believes that its future can be even greater than its past. He attested his pride in the accuracy of the slogan on the new leaflet issued by the Department of Promotion: "Pennsylvania Leads the Church in Missionary Giving." This distinction could not be claimed except for the immediate and prompt response of the laity, who have set the pace for the whole national Church.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, Editor

President's Message

Early in the afternoon of October 20 your representatives, Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Perrin and I set out with Mrs. Nicolls (Provincial Treasurer) for the Synod of the Province of Washington in Roanoke, Va. For hours we drove through a colorful world vivid with autumn beauty. Late in the afternoon we reached the little town of New Windsor, Maryland, where we soon became aware of another sort of beauty—the beauty of brotherly love expressed in action. For through Church World Service, comfortable, prosperous America is saying to the “abomination of desolation” that is post war Europe “I am my brother’s keeper.” One is aware on every side of efficiency and good organization but aware also of an intangible something—the motive power of the whole project—the “Inasmuch” spirit. It shines in the faces of the workers (most of them volunteers), it pervades the whole place. As we drove away next morning we decided two things. First: That Church World Service is a *must* in World Evangelism. Second: We will send everything in such good condition that it is ready for immediate shipping. Then we were off again for Roanoke, along the “ribbon of joy,” the guide-book name for the valley of Virginia.

The Synod days were full of information and inspiration. Services in two beautiful churches, Christ Church and St. John’s, interesting sessions of the Woman’s Auxiliary and a joint session of Synod, all wrapped around with Southern hospitality in its best form, gave us a comprehensive picture of the Province of Washington at work. A symposium of Diocesan presidents was a valuable sharing of plans and projects. The Fellowship shared with the Girls’ Friendly Society, the Daughters of the King and the Church Periodical Club, together with many delightful personal contacts, were valuable and added much to the happy spirit on every side. Bishop Phillips of Southwestern Virginia, incoming president of the Synod, was an outstanding figure. With his ready smile and friendly greeting, he played the part of host most graciously.

At the banquet on Wednesday, Bishop Strider of West Virginia, retiring president of the Synod, roused us all with a splendid address on Evangelism, saying that the Church should never be an army entrenched against invasion by the forces of evil, but rather an army with banners, marching against the hosts of the prince of darkness. Against such a Church, we are promised, the gates of Hell shall not prevail. World Evangelism can be carried on, not by a defensive Church, but by a Church on the offensive.

In summing up our experience, as we returned home over the Skyline (which reduced even your delegates to a state of speechlessness!) we realized that we had set out on our journey as tourists; we were returning as potential evangelists.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH.

Evelyn Boyd Long

There are no words adequate to express our sense of loss at the death of Evelyn Long, dedicated Christian, devoted wife and mother, beloved friend, fellow worker. The radiant joy of her discipleship shone forth in every act of her life. Her indomitable spirit knew no defeat, accepted no limitations. She walked the highways of life with power and courage and compassion born of her vision of Christ and His message of love and goodness. She has blessed and comforted, uplifted and strengthened all who knew her.

Hers was a brilliant and consecrated mind, seeking always to find and share the eternal verities of life. Her happiness of spirit, her quick sympathy, her deep understanding, her universal kindness and thoughtfulness were qualities of character which enriched every relationship of her life. She was uncompromisingly firm in demanding the best and truest from those with whom she worked, challenging them to unbelievable heights of thought and word and deed. She dared much, she achieved much because she lived much. She had found the power and the will to live and grow in the likeness of Christ.

The Diocesan Board and the Department of Christian Education of the Woman’s Auxiliary are inscribing the name of Evelyn Boyd Long in the Book of Remembrance and

are making a gift in her memory. This gift will go (through the Overseas Committee) to our Church’s Mission in China, where her son, the Reverend Charles H. Long, Jr., is now serving.

Mission Shop

The Mission Shop, located in the Woman’s Auxiliary Building at the rear of the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, provides an outlet for the work of the Church’s overseas and domestic missions.

The selected articles in the Shop include linens from Puerto Rico and attractive wooden bowls and trays from Haiti. India offers a varied selection of articles including brass bells and enameled trays, India prints and dirndl skirts, handmade lace and carved ivory.

The picturesque missions of the South provide handwoven counterpanes, covers, towels, rugs and shuck dolls. Organizations and individuals of the Diocese provide personalized writing paper, woven rugs, exquisite infants’ knitted wear, and a variety of housekeeping articles such as aprons, dusters, dishtowels, and pot-holders.

In addition, the Mission Shop is offering as a special feature this year a group of antiques.

The Shop is open on weekdays except Saturdays 9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. It is near enough to the shopping centers to warrant a visit from all Church women who shop in Philadelphia. All are cordially invited to visit.

APPRECIATION OF MRS. BEATH’S WORK

At the first meeting, after summer vacation, of The Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service at the Episcopal Hospital, the members realized that the resignation of Mrs. U. Grant Beath from the office of Treasurer had on July 1 become a finality. Words cannot describe the sadness of each one present. Mrs. Beath had become an indispensable part of the League, rendering invaluable and loyal service through the years; her absence leaves a void not only in the League but in our hearts, as she takes up her duties as President of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman’s Auxiliary. Their gain is indeed our loss, and our prayers go with her as we pledge ourselves to serve at her command, as a body and individually.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED AFTER SEVENTY YEARS

Back about 1878 there was a group of women in Calvary Church, Conshohocken, who from time to time sent boxes of clothing and supplies to missionaries. One such box was received by a missionary out in Marquette, Wisconsin, who was serving three mission stations and receiving a very small salary. In his family at that time was a nine-year-old boy, who last week dropped in at the Rectory to express a debt of gratitude which he had carried in his mind and heart all these years.

He said that this very large box was filled with beautiful new clothes and many other things suitable for the home. He and his brother each received a new suit of clothes in the pockets of which some kind-hearted person, probably a mother of a boy, had placed a shiny quarter and a new penknife. This boy, now an elderly man, said that all his long life no gift or other pleasure had given him the thrill which he got from his part of this missionary box sent out all those years ago. He had long wanted to express his gratitude in person and he was happy to take this opportunity to do so.

FAT FAMINE ABROAD

"Grease for Peace" and "Soap for Hope" are the slogans under which the Youth Division of the Philadelphia Council of Churches will go to work this fall to strengthen the ties of world fellowship and give aid to the people of Europe and Asia, where every available ounce of edible fat must be used for food and very little is left for soap.

The young people will collect grease and also small pieces of soap. The latter they will melt and make into larger bars while the grease will be sent to the church-operated soap factory at Nappanee, Illinois. With contributed grease the plant can make for \$60 a ton the same soap that would cost \$380 per ton if purchased fat were used.

The following Episcopal churches are listed as collection centers: St. Peter's, Third and Pine Streets; St. Mark's, 4442 Frankford Avenue (North Philadelphia); St. Paul's, 22 East Chestnut Avenue (Chestnut Hill, Northwest Philadelphia); Holy Apostles and Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets (West Philadelphia); St. Matthew's, 18th and Girard Avenue (North Philadelphia); St. Mary's, Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore.

Ground Broken for Chester Chapel



The Dean

The Bishop

*Chester Times Photo
The Rector*

Ground was broken Wednesday afternoon, October 22, for the proposed \$50,000 chapel of St. Paul's Church to be built at Highland Avenue and Forwood Street in Highland Gardens, a community of 1,200 homes situated three miles west of the Church.

The first spadeful of earth was turned over by the Right Reverend Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania. The next spadeful of ground were turned by the Very Reverend Charles W. Shreiner, D.D., Dean of the Convocation of Chester; the Reverend Peter C. Van der Hiel, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's; Major General William G. Price, Jr., Accounting Warden of the Church, and Mr. Ralph S. Pilkington, Rector's Warden.

The construction of the new chapel is made possible by a legacy left by the late Mrs. Lewis K. Crozer and is scheduled to be completed early in 1948.

The ceremony was opened with a short service. The Bishop commended the foresight and energy of the parishioners of St. Paul's Church in the project. The Bishop then gave his blessing. Assisting was the Reverend Robert P. Varley, Assistant Rector of St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Parish is 245 years old. The chapel site was selected last year after a survey made by the Rector, assisted by Mr. Raymond C. Knapp, a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The chapel is to have meeting and game rooms in the basement together with a complete kitchen. The service room is to be on the main floor. The building will be open on weekdays for various parish and community activities. At present St. Paul's transports children from Highland Gardens to the Church in buses for Sunday School.

Department of Christian Education

The Advent Offering

Our Offering this year is to help build a rectory for resident clergyman in Bucks County. While it is true the Diocese of Pennsylvania is mostly urban, we must not forget that we do have within our boundaries some large rural areas. Along the Delaware River, from Washington Crossing practically as far as Easton, lies one of these areas. Bucks County, long known for its beauty, is becoming a popular residential area, many families moving there from Philadelphia, New York, Trenton and elsewhere.

We have two chapels situated in this upper central section of Bucks County, Trinity Chapel, Solebury, and three miles away, St. Philip's, New Hope. There are only these two Episcopal chapels and practically no other Churches to administer to those living in this large rural area—and we have no resident clergyman at Trinity, Solebury, and St. Philip's, New Hope, because—we have no house for one to live in.

Bishop Hart is asking the boys and girls of the diocese to give their Advent Offering for this purpose—so let's think what it would mean not to have a clergyman to minister to us—and give generously that a rectory may be secured and thus a resident clergyman had for this area.

Youth Rallies

Convocation—district Youth Rallies are being planned in all sections of the diocese. The program includes a speaker, business session, recreation and refreshments. If you have not heard about a Rally for your area call the Department of Christian Education, SPruce 4-6650, for information.

Children's Books

Books are very appropriate Christmas gifts for children. Room 30 has an excellent selection of suitable religious books, and will be glad to make suggestions to anyone interested.

Christmas Box

Have you contacted the Christmas Box Secretary, Mrs. Lorin Blodgett, 244 High Street, Germantown 8-8117, regarding gifts for our Institutions and Missions—the number you wish to pledge—where you wish them sent—and date they will be ready? Time flies—do so at once!

Visual Aids

Projected Visual Aids—available in Room 30:

Equipment

Kodachrome projector
Filmstrip and slide projector
Screen
Double Lens Lantern, 3¼ x 4
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NEEDS OF WOMEN STUDENTS AT DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Department of Women of the Philadelphia Divinity School has reopened with Miss Maude Cutler, a graduate of the Church Training School, as Director of Women's Work. She has made St. Mary's House at 209 St. Mark's Square, Philadelphia 4, a charming place. The students feel it is a real home. However, while necessities are well cared for, there are some things which would make life at St. Mary's easier and pleasanter. Will you look over your possessions and see if you can supply any of the following articles? If you can Miss Cutler will be glad to hear from you.

Articles needed: Wardrobe, easy chair, three occasional chairs, magazine rack, tea service, brass candle sticks for living room mantle (old ones if possible), one 9 x 12 rug for room with yellow paper, waffle iron, springs for a bed about 45 inches wide, kitchen curtains, brass cross and candle sticks for our worship center in the study. They would be on the mantle. We think a cross about 10 inches high with candle sticks to match would be right.

A Busy Student Chaplain



Student Consults Chaplain

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The Chaplain of the University, the Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, a priest of the Episcopal Church, in his annual report submitted to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, indicates some of the many demands upon his time and energy. About once a month an "All-University" chapel service is held in Irvine Auditorium, sponsored by some organization on the campus, and attended by anywhere from 700 to 2,200 students. In the course of the year the chaplain preached 54 times, gave 9 lectures to student nurses, and made 24 other speeches and addresses. He teaches a course in Religious Orientation.

Formal services, addresses, lectures and sermons are only the tangible activities. All the time there are thousands of personal contacts with students and faculty members. In his home the chaplain has been host to over a thousand students who eat his snacks and smoke his cigarettes, making openings for discussion and fellowship. He has a regular schedule of office hours for personal counseling. Through his membership on various faculty committees and through the written word he brings the influence of religion to bear upon the problems of education.

South Philadelphia Elects New Dean

The Convocation of South Philadelphia, at its fall meeting, held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3rd and Reed Streets, elected the Rev. Thomas Parker, Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, to the office of Dean. He succeeds the Rev. Frank W. Bonyng, Vicar of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, who has served in the office for eight years. The Rev. John R. Logan, Jr., was elected Secretary, succeeding the Rev. John C. Roak. Bishop Hart made a plea for seeking the proper men as Candidates for Holy Orders, and the retiring Dean, and the Rev. William H. Dunphy, spoke on "Evangelism."

Germantown, meeting at St. David's Church, Manayunk, authorized the Executive Committee of the Convocation to launch "The Convocation Growth Fund," which will aim to raise an extra \$75,000 within five years for its missionary work. Three hundred dollars was appropriated for an experiment in bus service to bring children to the Church School of Christ Church, Eddington. The Rev. Edmund B. Wood reported on a meeting of the Executive Council of the Diocese, which he attended as the Convocation's representative. The Rev. John DeF. Pettus, of Santa Barbara, California, spoke on American Christi-

anity's responsibility for the restoration of the world. He had just been out to observe Bishop Huang's work in western China, returning by way of Europe.

The Rev. Arthur Murray presided for the first time as Dean of North Philadelphia at the meeting held at the Church of the Resurrection. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of forming a Sunday School Association for this Convocation. Bishop Remington and the Rev. N. Lascelles-Ward spoke on "Evangelism." Mr. Robert Jordan, Department of Promotion, National Council, reported in some detail on plans for the nation-wide program for evangelism.

Dean Niblo presented the subject of "Evangelism in Parish Life" to the Convocation of Norristown meeting at St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation appropriated \$300 to help St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland, in procuring a carpet and a piano. This mission will assume one-half of the salary of the Vicar next year.

At St. James Church, Hestonville, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger initiated his term as Dean of West Philadelphia. The women announced that they would give \$250 for a scholarship at the Divinity School and procure articles of furniture needed for the use of married students at the seminary. Mr. Raymond S. Mitchell, lay reader, reported for St. Cyprian's Mission, and Mr. Kenneth Rodgers, lay reader, reported for St. Titus Mission. The speakers were Chaplain Kolb, of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. William H. Dunphy.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Chester, meeting at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, adopted new By-Laws and appropriated an additional \$500 as the final payment on St. Peter's Church, Broomall, toward which they have given a total of \$3,000. The men held their meeting at Christ Church, Ridley Park, and accepted a program for continuing to raise \$10,000 a year for work within the Convocation. A church for Ascension, West Chester, is to be the next project undertaken. The "Success Story" of the day was an interesting and amazing account of the beginning and development of the Church Farm School, of which Dean Shreiner is the Head Master.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, Editor

The Diocesan office of the Woman's Auxiliary has on sale "The Church Kalendar" for 1948. It bears a picture of Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington in the Chapel at the Church House. The monthly leaves of the Kalendar are printed in the colors appropriate to the Christian year.

On December 7 two memorial tablets will be dedicated in St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard Avenue. One in memory of the Rev. Clarence Herbert Reese, former rector of the parish; the other in honor of all those from the parish who served in World War II, and in loving memory of Lt. William H. Malcomson, Jr., who was killed in active service.

A Quiet Evening in preparation for Christmas will be conducted by the Rev. John A. Schultz on Saturday, December 20, from 4:30 to 9:00 P. M. Please register promptly. St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. Telephone, VIctor 4-4612.

On November 2 a pair of Eucharistic candle sticks were dedicated at All Saints' Church, Crescentville, in loving memory of Anna Donley Clark.

The men of Christ Church, Ridley Park, have painted the exterior woodwork of the Church and the rectory, have demolished portions of the porch on the rectory, and have constructed two sets of stone steps to replace decayed wood.

Mr. Lewis R. Minster has been conducting a boys' club at All Saints' Church, Torresdale, for seven years, and within the past year has undertaken similar work at the Church of St. Jude and The Nativity.

The members of the congregation of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, surprised their Rector, the Rev. William N. Lanigan, on Tuesday evening, October 14, with a party in the Fellowship Room of St. Peter's House. The occasion was his fifth anniversary as Rector of the Parish. A corsage of flowers was presented to Mrs. Lanigan and a purse of \$250 to the Rector.

Bishop Remington served as a co-consecrator at the service for the consecration of the Rev. Horace W.

B. Donegan as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of New York, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on October 28.

Boy Scouts of Troop 10, St. George's Church, Richmond, during the year have collected more than four tons of salvage materials (news-papers, etc.) which brought the sum of \$89, sent to provide food and Scout material for the Scouts in camps in Europe.



Scouts Sort Papers

The Rev. Louis A. Haselmayer, Vicar of Nativity Chapel, Germantown, was one of the speakers at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Approaches to Unity held in Washington on October 28.

Lt. Benjamin A. Andrews, chaplain on duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was the special preacher at the Navy Day commemoration held at Christ Church on October 26.

The House of Rest, Germantown, receives a bequest of \$3,000 under the will of Miss Mary Cotter, who died in December.

The Rev. Percy G. Hall, executive secretary of the Army and Navy Division of the National Council, was one of the speakers at the memorial service held in Independence Square on October 26, honoring the war dead whose bodies were

brought home for burial. Other speakers represented the Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish faith.

"Today's Text," in *The Sunday Bulletin* of October 26, chosen by Bishop Hart, was II Samuel 23:3, "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Renovations to the rectory of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, include a new slate roof, painting the exterior walls and woodwork.

Parents of children who have been stricken with "polio" in and around Chester have organized for mutual helpfulness, meeting in the parish house of St. Paul's Church.

Bishop Hart attended the meeting of the House of Bishops in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, November 4-7.

As a tribute to the eight men of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, who, during the last World War, made the supreme sacrifice for their country, a tablet was unveiled and dedicated on November 2. The oak leaves on the tablet are symbolical of Strength and Eternity; the yew symbolizes Immortality; the red coloring stands for Youth, Fervor, Martyrdom; and the green for Hope, Fidelity, Immortality.

The Rev. N. Lascelles-Ward, City Mission Chaplain at the Philadelphia General Hospital, addressed a group of the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on "American Opportunities in China."

The members of the vestry have presented the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, with a new system of amplification, consisting of microphones, loud-speakers, and recording box, which gives very satisfactory results.

Mrs. Shippen Lewis is the new editor of St. Paul's Leaflet (Chestnut Hill), succeeding Miss Elizabeth Frazier, who contributed her services last year.

The Men of St. George's (Ardmore) held a handicap golf tournament for the president's trophy at the Valley Forge Golf Course.

At Trinity Church, Oxford, the interior of the building has been repainted and a new lighting system installed. Mr. Thomas Cooper has been appointed choirmaster and organist of this parish.

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The G. F. S. in the Diocese

All of the 36 Branches and 27 Junior Branches of the Girls' Friendly Society in this Diocese are now well under way with the season's programs, comprising activities in their Parishes and communities, as well as for the Diocesan Organization as a whole, and never forgetting their world-wide interest in Missions and the relief of suffering wherever it occurs.

The autumn meetings of the various G. F. S. Districts have been very successful, and this year we are trying the experiment of combining Districts, which tends to widening our acquaintanceships in the Diocese, to an economy of both time and personal effort. The final meeting will be that of the Germantown and North Philadelphia Districts on Tuesday, December 2, to be held at St. Paul's, Aramingo, which will open with a short evening service in the Church conducted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fifer, followed by supper at 6:15. After a period of recreation, the evening program will feature a talk by Mrs. William Hey-

drick on the "Art of Living Together."

Branches are seriously working on their annual Christmas efforts for Diocesan and community institutions. Guests of the Harrison Home, all wards of the Episcopal Hospital, the men's and women's wards at Byberry and the Philadelphia General Hospital will be remembered this coming holiday season, the G. F. S. doing its full part to see that no individual in these hospitals is overlooked.

The annual Ingathering at the Seamen's Church Institute will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 13, from three o'clock to five. This opportunity for members of the G. F. S. and any friends of the Institute to extend a hand of fellowship to the men of the sea in our port at Christmas, was instituted by the late Chairman of the G. F. S. Auxiliary to the Institute, Miss M. Atherton Leach, who graciously extended the hospitality of her home for this meeting during her lifetime. Knitted articles, cigarettes, canned

food, tobacco and pipes, miscellaneous fillings for the seamen's ditty bags, books and magazines, are welcomed for distribution to men in port and to ships during the Christmas season. A cordial invitation is extended to anyone in the Diocese to attend. Tea will be served.

As a memorial to Miss M. Atherton Leach, the G. F. S. Auxiliary to the Seamen's Institute has installed adequate lighting in the Chapel of the Redeemer at the Institute. These were appropriately unveiled by Miss Jane Ball during annual Anniversary and Memorial Service at the Institute on Monday, November 3.

The Diocesan Ways and Means Committee is laying plans for an interesting occasion to be held early in the New Year, and is hoping for the full cooperation of all Branches. The Holiday House at Cape May is being painted on the exterior, and this means the expenditure of a large sum of money, \$1,850 to be exact, and to raise this, together with our ordinary Diocesan budget, will mean hard and earnest work for everyone, but the G. F. S. never falls short of its goal.

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We are happy that new junior groups have been formed at St. John's, 3rd and Reed Streets, and at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill.

The Worship Committee, headed by Mrs. H. T. Luderksen, is planning a Quiet Day early in Lent and also a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church.

THE CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

The Churchwoman's Club will culminate a most successful program of meetings during 1947 with its annual Christmas party, for members only, on Tuesday, December 30, at 5:30 P. M. Dinner will be served and the honored guests will include Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington. A musical program, appropriate to the season, is being arranged by Mrs. William P. Remington. Sunday, January 4, the Club will combine its annual Epiphany service with Holy Trinity Church at the regular vesper services at 4:30 P. M. Reverend Frank Salmon, Rector of Holy Trinity, will be in charge.

Mrs. Thomas N. Walker, President of the Club, has announced the annual meeting for Tuesday, January 13. The Executive Board will meet for luncheon at 12:30 P. M. and the membership meeting will follow at 3:00 P. M., at which time six Board members will be elected for a three-year term. Immediately following the annual meeting, the Club will honor Mrs. U. Grant Beath, President of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Diocese, at a tea at which the following ladies will receive: Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, Mrs. Thomas N. Walker, Mrs. Adam A. Ross and Mrs. John Hill. Presiding at the tea table will be Mrs. M. Renshaw Butler and Mrs. Harrison B. Wright. This reception will afford the opportunity for all Club members to meet Mrs. Beath, and thus establish a closer contact with the women's work of the Diocese.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Gideon C. Montgomery, former Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, is now engaged in missionary work in the Panama Canal Zone.

The Rev. Louis W. Johnson, Vicar of St. Mary's Mission, Chester, has resigned and become Rector of St. Thomas Church, Minneapolis, Minn.



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The highlights of the Synod were as follows: an amendment to the ordinance to permit the election of three women from the Woman's Auxiliary to the Provincial Council, which is the Executive Board of the Synod. A motion to elect women to the Synod was defeated. Mrs. Stanley Rogers (formerly of Diocese of Pennsylvania) made a splendid report on the work of the Department of Christian Education. Among the many fine things she said was, "The undergirding of the home with the spirit of moral strength which religion alone can supply looms as the most pressing challenge to Christian Education today. The Church must develop a means of helping parents to make their family life and all its relationships a true expression of Christianity in action."

Bishop Remington stirred up the closing session of the Synod when he

introduced a resolution that called for the formation of a Commission on Evangelism. There was much debate over whether Evangelism belonged to the Department of Missions or required a special Commission. The laity were active in this debate. On vote it was referred to the Department of Missions with authority to take action before the Council meets.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania was honored with the following appointments: Bishop Remington, Sweet Briar Summer Conference Committee; the Rev. Charles H. Long, Chairman, Committee on Credentials and a member of the Committee on Nominations; Mr. Edward B. Clay, Committee on Ordinances; and Mr. Jasper W. Nicolls was elected a member of the Provincial Council.



LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

In a Foreword to "*Lights and Shadows of the Sacred Ministry*," written by the Rev. Archibald Campbell Knowles, D.D., Bishop Hart says: "A favorite attitude for many in matters of religion is sitting on the fence. They do not want to come down on one side or the other. Father Knowles comes down hard on the Anglo-Catholic side. As a matter of fact, he has never been on the fence! His life has been and is a sincere endeavor to practice what he advocates so positively in his book. He knows that I do not agree with all of his conclusions, but I am very happy to recommend this book for reading to the clergy and laity generally as being very helpful."

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The Rev. Rex S. Clements, Pastor of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, were the Chapel Speakers during November.

The Academy conducted a campaign for the Community Chest and also have filled Christmas boxes for boys and girls abroad.

Two successful Parents' evenings were held recently. Dean H. Sherman Oberly, Director of Admissions of the University of Pennsylvania, addressed the parents of the Sixth Form on the problems of college entrance.

The Christmas Pageant will take place in the Academy Chapel December 19. This impressive tableau consists of scenes described by Christmas Carols sung by the Academy Choir.

The Fall Athletic Dinner, honoring the football and soccer squads, will be held December 5. Charles Caldwell, football coach at Princeton, will be the principal speaker. Other well known men in sports who will attend the dinner will include George Munger, Class of '29, and Donald Kellett.

A COMMENDATION

In a recent issue of the Parish Leaflet of St. James Church, Prospect Park, the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt says: "This Church of ours has some very valuable and readable and useful Church papers; some monthlys, some weeklys. We have a very fine, well printed and well written Diocesan Church Paper. It is called the CHURCH NEWS of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. It is a paper which finds its way into the homes of all our people. A well informed Parish is a well working Parish. I hope that during the year many of you will become regular subscribers and readers of the Diocesan paper. Its cost is very nominal; only \$1.00 per year; address the CHURCH NEWS, Church House, 202 So. 19th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Buy it and read it. Don't depend on finding one when you want one on the table at the door of the Church. Some time you may want one badly and may not find one available. When we do have them they do not stay on the table very long."

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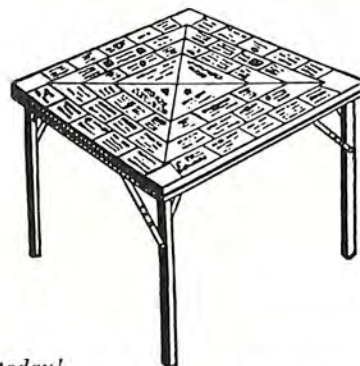
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Birthday offerings of the beginners' department of the Church School of Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, have been used to supply two scholarships for the diocesan Church School by Mail.

The front porch has been removed from the rectory of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, new steps to the front door have been constructed, and a number of evergreens have been planted in front of the house. Extensive alterations and renovations in the Parish House and sacristy have been made.

At St. Mary's Church, Warwick, new carpet costing \$1,100 has been laid, a pair of three-branch candle sticks dedicated, and the altar cross and processional cross reburnished.

Mr. Robert Cathcart succeeds Mr. Earl S. McMullen, who recently resigned as organist and choirmaster at St. Barnabas' Church, Haddington, after 23 years of faithful service. A new oil heating system has been installed at this church.

The Girls' Friendly Society has a good selection of moderate priced religious and secular Christmas cards; also interesting paper novelties, on sale in room 42 at the Church House.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Emory McMichael, a new heating plant has been installed and alterations are being made in the parish house of St. David's Church, Radnor, to give larger seating capacity and a modernized kitchen. Col. Edward M. Chance has provided improved roadways in the churchyard.

Mr. Edward F. Beale, a vestryman of St. David's Church, Radnor, died at his home in Strafford, on October 17, and was buried from St. David's Church on October 20.

Mr. Walter M. Kalmey, active in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and for 40 years a vestryman at the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, died on October 20 and was buried from the church on October 23.

Mrs. David M. Steel, widow of the late Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, was crushed to death by an automobile in front of her home in Ardmore on October 29.

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